



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome Back to a New School Year!

I hope you are all well enjoyed a restful summer break. A special welcome to all of our new children and the families who have joined the CTK community—we are delighted to have you with us.

The children have made an enthusiastic start to the year and many seem to have grown a few inches over the summer too! We have an exciting year ahead and we are really looking forward to working together so that every child can continue to flourish and reach their full potential.

Catholic Mission

This week, in our welcome assemblies, we re-visited the theme for the Jubilee Year, "Pilgrims of Hope" and listened to one of St Paul's letters to the Romans: "Let your hope keep you joyful, be patient in your troubles, and pray at all times" (Romans 12:12). Together, we explored the true meaning of Christian hope—the assurance that we will be with God in Heaven if we love Him and love our neighbour. As always, the children were given a mission: whenever they feel troubled or worried, to pray simply, "Jesus, my hope is in You."

We also reviewed our learning on virtues from last year and this year we will continue to practice them. Ask your children if they can remember what a virtue is and give you some examples of the virtues we practise every day at CTK!



Parish Links

We have been liaising with Father John and Fr Hans to discuss the liturgical support they can offer Christ the King. We will share these dates with parents on the weekly newsletter as soon as we have some confirmed.

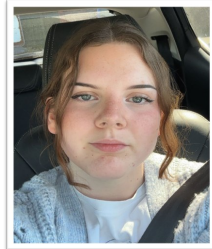


New staff at CTK

We have been blessed with some wonderful new staff who have joined the CTK Team this year. We know you will make them feel most welcome.



Ms Hellwig
Year 1 Teacher



Miss Godrich
Year 4 Trainee Teacher



Miss Hynes
Year 4 Teacher



Miss Parsons
Year 1 Trainee Teacher

We are also pleased to announce that Mrs Allard is expecting a baby. Congratulations, to Mrs Allard! She will begin her maternity leave mid-September. Congratulations also to Mrs Griffin who had a baby girl and Mrs Koenig who had a baby boy across the summer holiday. We send them our best wishes, love and prayers.

Please see the full teaching structure on the next page.



Teaching structure for 2025-2026

Executive Headteacher: Mrs Carter					
Head of School: Mrs Marshall (Mon- Wed) and Sinead Valente (Wed- Fri)			Head of School: Mrs Glassford		
CTK Infants			CTK Juniors		
Year Group	Teacher	TA	Year	Teacher	TA
R	Mr Mason	Miss Saville	3	Mrs Russell	Mrs Beattie and Mrs Gilbert
R	Mrs Gibson	Mrs Harris	3 Assistant Headteacher	Mrs Pickwell	Mrs Cranston
R EYFS Lead	Miss Laycock	Mrs Tonge/Mrs Bourne	3	Miss Hall	Mrs Merrigan
1	Mrs Francis/Ms Hellwig	Mrs Pearson and Miss Hadfield	4	Miss Hynes	Mrs Stratton
1	Miss Rawlings and Miss Parsons	Mrs Wood and Mrs Rosa	4	Mr Dunn	Mrs Crayfourd and Mrs Wheatley
1	Mrs Hainsworth	Mrs Fitzgerald and Mrs Bartnik	4	Miss Orrill and Miss Godrich	Mrs O'Brien, Mrs Havenhand and Miss Hargrave
2	Miss Nokes	Mrs Feeney and Mrs Evatt	5	Miss Odedra	Mrs Toon
2	Mrs Taylor	Mrs Thornton, Mrs Banks and Mrs Springthorpe	5	Mrs Williams Mrs Gallagher	Mrs Amoroso
2	Mrs Wooldridge and Mrs Bayliss	Miss Silva and Miss Hargrave	5	Miss Lawes	Mrs Dalzell
			6	Mrs Boyd	Mrs Chomentowska
			6	Mrs Stone	Mrs Hargrave and Mrs Gilbert
PE Coach	Mr Tite		6	Mrs Featherstone	Mrs Hadfield and Mrs Seajo
Family Inclusion	SEND Lead: Mrs Wheeldon (Tues –Thurs) Learning Mentor: Kirsty Hansrani, Curriculum Lead: Roisin Knight				
Operations Manager	Mrs Dunbar				

We also have many other wonderful support staff that contribute to the teaching and learning across the school, including Mrs Dunbar and the office team and Mr Sargent and Mr Powley and the premises team. The full CTK team structure can be viewed on our school website.



Whole School Home Learning Policy

Homework will begin next week. Every pupil will have a home learning book which they will be asked to cover and personalise in the next week. Home learning will be given out every Friday and must be returned to school the following Wednesday. The main purpose of homework will be to provide the children with an opportunity to practice their learning at home. We hope it will foster good habits of organisation, independent learning and self-discipline.

Year 6 Bikeability

Year 6 Bikeability starts next week. The children have received a letter detailing the days they are cycling and they will need to bring their bike and helmet if they have one. 6SB Bikeability will start on 1st—4th September, 6LS Bikeability will be from 5th-10th September and 6SF will be from 11th-16th September. Bikes and helmets will be provided for those pupils who do not have them.

Please ensure your children come to school in their PE kit on the days they are cycling; they should also bring a waterproof coat in case of rain.

Children can walk their bikes through the main playground gate and there will be a member of staff to show them where to put their bikes each day.

Swimming

5WG begin swimming lessons on Thursday 4th September for 10 weeks. Pupils will be walking to and from the swimming baths so please ensure your child has appropriate clothing to wear - particularly for the walk back after they have been in the water. We suggest all pupils bring a hat to wear on the walk back to school to keep themselves warm.

Arbor

Please can all parents make sure they are signed up to Arbor, as this will be the primary method of communication and will enable you to register, book and pay for any events in school. This will include clubs, trips, dinners, parents' evening, breakfast club and the afterschool club. Please speak to the school office if you are having any problems with setting up your Arbor account.

Emergency Contact Details

If you have moved house, changed your mobile telephone number or email address recently, please can you ensure that you have updated these details in school. This can be done via Arbor. Please ask the school office if you need any support. ***This is very Important for the safety of your children.***



Safeguarding

We are always looking for ways to improve the children's safety. In order to ensure that children are collected safely at the end of the school day, a letter was sent home to all parents this week regarding collection. Please can you return these to school as soon as possible. We will **only** dismiss children to the named persons on the collection sheet. You must notify the school office if there are any changes to these arrangements **before 2.30pm** to avoid any delays at the end of the school day.

If you are happy for your child to walk to meet you or to walk home independently, you will need to give your written permission. Thank you for your support.

Online Safety Update

We will continue to make this a weekly update for parents to support you in ensuring your child's safety online. This week our update is about using and reviewing parental controls. Please click [here](#) for 10 Top tips for Parents and Carers about Parent Controls.

Attendance and Punctuality

As we start a new school year, I would like to confirm the changes nationally with regards to unauthorised pupil absence. A summary of the changes are:

- Penalty notice fines are increasing to £160 per parent per child (reduced to £80 per parent per child if paid within 21 days in the first instance);
- There will be no reductions in payments for second offences within a three year period. Third offences within three years, will proceed to a magistrates court. Magistrate's fines can be up to £2,500 per parent per child;
- Penalty Notice fines will apply if a pupil has been absent for 5 or more consecutive days, or for fewer days if this has happened before.
- Penalty notices will be considered if a pupil has been absent for 10 sessions (a session is a half day) in a 10-week period.

It is important to note that the government has taken the decision to introduce these higher penalties due to the importance of education and the impact on a child's life chances when they regularly miss school. For clarity, taking holidays in term time, visiting relatives abroad, attending weddings and a variety of other such activities are classed as unauthorised absence. If the school suspects that a child's absence is not authorised (i.e. due to illness, a medical procedure or other pre-authorised reason), we will be required to look into this.

Attendance at CTK is significantly above the national average, however we will continue to prioritise the highest levels of attendance across our school this year with your support.

On the last Friday of every half term, we will email the attendance and punctuality for every pupil via Arbor. This will enable all parents to have a snapshot of their child's attendance and punctuality compared to the school's average. We hope this will further improve attendance rates at CTK this year.



Thought of the Week

“Pray as though everything depended on God. Work as though everything depended on you”

Saint Augustine

God bless,

Annie Carter and the CTK Team